

**SUBSIDIES**

New and Full Notification Pursuant to Article XVI.1  
of the GATT 1994 and Article 25 of the Agreement  
on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures

Requests Pursuant to Article 27.4 of the Agreement on Subsidies and  
Countervailing Measures to Extend the Transitional  
Period for Elimination of Export Subsidies

Reply to the Question from the EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES<sup>1</sup>  
Regarding the Notifications of URUGUAY<sup>2</sup>

The following communication, dated 2 October 2003, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Uruguay.

Question with respect to the communication from Uruguay in document G/SCM/N/99/URY concerning the extension under SCM Article 27.4 of the transition period under Article 27.2(b) for the elimination of export subsidies.

**We note the statement in Uruguay's notification G/SCM/N/95/URY that Uruguay considers that:**

**"The reasons that led Uruguay to request the extension of the transition period for the granting of export subsidies to the automotive sector, in accordance with Article 27.4 as well as with the Procedures in document G/SCM/39, still apply and have acquired even greater force." (emphasis added)**

**Could Uruguay confirm that it has no plans to amend the Automotive Industry Export Promotion Regime in any way, which would contravene its standstill commitments under decision G/SCM/92?**

Reply

In reply to the question from the European Communities, Uruguay hereby confirms that it is in compliance with the transparency and standstill obligations provided for in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Procedures set out in document G/SCM/39, pursuant to the Decision of 22 November 2002 (document G/SCM/92).

<sup>1</sup> G/SCM/Q2/URY/6-G/SCM/Q3/URY/8.

<sup>2</sup> G/SCM/N/95/URY and G/SCM/N/99/URY.

Uruguay therefore wishes to place on the record that the Automotive Industry Export Promotion Regime will not be amended in any way which interferes with the commitments undertaken, in accordance with the above-mentioned Decision of 22 November 2002, without prejudice to the reasons duly given to justify the continuation thereof.

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